

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE MULTI-YEAR WATER TRANSFER PROJECT

Subject: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines § 15072, to responsible agencies, trustee agencies, interest groups and the general public that the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) plans to adopt a Negative Declaration for the Multi-Year Water Transfer Project (Project).

Project Location: The Project spans the respective jurisdictions of two agencies in California: SGPWA and the City of San Buenaventura (Ventura).

Project Description: Ventura and SGPWA have entered into a Multi-Year Water Transfer Agreement (Agreement). Exclusive of this Agreement, Ventura is allocated 10,000 acre-feet per year of State Water Project (SWP) Table A water through their parent agency, Ventura County Watershed Protection District.

Under the Agreement, Ventura would transfer to SGPWA up to 10,000 acre-feet of Ventura's SWP Table A water each year from 2022 through December 31, 2042, dependent on the status of the Contract Extension Amendment. Ventura reserves the right to use, within its service area, the first 2,000 acre-feet of its SWP Table A water in every year, when available, but will transfer the entire remaining portion of its SWP Table A water to SGPWA, including any unused amount of its 2,000 acre-foot reservation.

The Project does not include any additional facilities or modifications to any land. The Project would utilize existing conveyance facilities. The Project would not alter the SWP's operational criteria beyond the existing SWP system design and function.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study/Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the Project. SGPWA has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this Project and has determined that they will not have any impacts.

Public Review: Pursuant to CEQA guidelines §15073 ,the public review period during which SGPWA will receive comments on the proposed Negative Declaration will begin on October 21, 2022, and end on November 10, 2022. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Dena Giacomini at Provost & Pritchard, 1800 30th Street, Suite 280, Bakersfield CA 93301, or at dgiacomini@ppeng.com.

Meeting Date/Time: The public meeting will be on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 1:30 pm.

Meeting Location: The public meeting will be held at the SGPWA Office, located at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223, on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 1:30 pm. Pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-21, in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), and because state and/or local officials are recommending measures to promote social distancing, the public may view this meeting online. There will be no public location for attending this board meeting in person. Members of the public may listen and provide public comment virtually by calling the following number: 669-900-6833; meeting id: 820 7310 9940 or via zoom.

For More Information: Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review upon written notice to 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223.